

SENATE BILL 2600

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 59,  
Chapter 8, Part 4, relative to surface coal mining.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Water Before Coal Act".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 59-8-406, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(n) A permit for surface coal mining shall not be issued to an applicant unless and until the commissioner makes a finding that such mining activity would not diminish the state's water resources.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.